A Chronological Account

Of The Several

AGES of the WORLD

FROM

Adam TO Christ.

And from thence continued to the End of the WORLD:

Showing, by Scripture ACCOUNT

I. The Time of the Churches going into the Wilderneſs, her Continuance there, and Time of Return and full Reſtoration.

II. The Intervals of Time belonging to the ſeven Seals, ſeven Trumpets, and ſeven Vials, called, *The Seven laſt Plagues*, and the various dreadful Effects that are like to enſue at the pouring forth of each of the Vials, which is near at hand.

III. Concerning the Perſonal Anti-Chriſt yet to come, and the Time and Manner of his Appearance, and continuance of his Reign.

IV. The Time of the Prophecying, Killing and Riſing again of the Two Witneſſes, *Rev.* 9.

V. The Time of the Appearance of the Virgin Company, of 144000. *Rev.* 14.

VI. The Time of the Angels flying through the midſt of Heaven, having the Everlaſting Goſpel to Preach.

VII. And *Laſtly*, Concerning the Thouſand Years Reign of the Saints with Chriſt, yet to come, and the Time of beginning thereof, by way of Eſſay and Hypotheſis.

Printed in the Year 1694.

1 Chron. 1. 32. *And the Children of* Iſſachar, *which were Men that had Underſtanding of the Times, to know what* Iſrael *ought to do; the Heads of them were Two Hundred, and all their Brethren were at their Commandment.*

Luke 12. 56. *Ye Hypocrites, ye can diſcern the face of the Sky, and of the Earth, but how is it that ye do not diſcern this Time?*

Mat. 16. 3. *Can ye not diſcern the Signs of the Times?*

2 Pet. 3. *There ſhall come in the laſt days Scoffers, walking after their own Luſts, & ſaying, Where is the Promiſe of his Coming? for ſince the Fathers fell aſleep all things continue as they were from the beginning of the Creation. But the Heavens and the Earth which are now, by the ſame Word are kept in ſtore, reſerved unto Fire againſt the Day of Judgment, and Perdition of Ungodly Men. But beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one Day is with the Lord as a Thouſand Years, and a Thouſand Years as one Day: The Lord is not ſlack concerning his Promiſe, (as ſome count ſlackneſs) but is long-ſuffering to us ward, not willing that any ſhould periſh, but that all ſhould come to Repentance: But the Day of the Lord will come as a Thief in the Night, in the which the Heavens ſhall paſs away with a great Noiſe, and the Elements ſhall melt with fervent Heat, the Earth alſo, and the Works that are therein ſhall be burnt up. Nevertheleſs, we according to his Promiſe, look for New Heavens and a New Earth, wherein dwelleth Righteouſneſs.*

A Scripture Chronology of the several Ages of the World, and the Prophetical Numbers of Daniel *and* John's Revelations.

GRreat being the Expectation of many People, both of *Jews* and *Christians*, that within a few Years, some great Alteration will come to pass in the World, and I having searched the holy Scriptures with a Godly Search and Enquiry concerning many Prophecies and Prophetical Visions concerning the Times of the fullfilling thereof, and particularly concerning the glorious Restoration of the Church of Christ, and down fall of *Babylon*; and having had some Twy-light Discoveries of these things, I find freedom to communicate them, though not daring to call every thing here proposed a divine Opening, because as yet I see into these things, but as a man seeth in the Twy-light; and yet I have great cause to thank God for the sight I have received of these and many other things; and it is my desire to wait upon the Lord for further clearness in these and any other things not so perfectly yet discovered unto me. And if in some things I have reached to the Truth and true sence of these Prophecies, and that not only the encreasing Light of the Day of God, that is further dawning and springing, but the plain fullfilling of the Prophecies, as to the Times at hand demonstrate the same Truth, the Glory belongeth to God alone, who is the Revealer of Secrets; but if in some things, through humane Weakness I have fallen short of the Truth and true sence of these Prophecies and Prophetical Numbers, let that be only charged on me, as my Mistake; for even the true Servants of God, while they see but as in the Twy-light, and as he saw whose Eyes at first Christ had opened but in part, to see men walking as Trees, may be under some mistakes, while at the same time they may have real divine Discoveries and Openings of other things.

As to the Chronology, because the Scripture giveth us the best and most clear account of the beginning of the World, and of the Number of the succeeding Ages & Periods in Years, from *Adam* unto the Captivity, and from thence (by way of Prophecy) until the Death and Resurrection of Christ, and from thence unto the end of the World, I shall give the best Account I can from Scripture it self, of the Number of

Years from *Adam* unto the Death and Reſurrection of Chriſt, in their ſeveral Periods.

And here I give the *Reader* to underſtand, That the Chronology doth greatly differ, according as Men follow the *Grecian* Account, that is grounded upon the *Septuagint*, or the *Hebrew*.

The *Grecian* Church did follow the *Septuagint*, and ſo did ſome of the *Latine* Church, as *Sulpitius Severus*, who makes it above 5000 years and wanting but about 500 of 6000 Years from *Adam* unto the Coming of Chriſt. But the *Septuagint* Bible being but a Tranſlation, is not of ſo unqueſtioned Authority as the *Hebrew*, eſpecially as to the Chronology, or where it differeth from the *Hebrew* in other things.

The *Latine* Church did moſtly follow the Account of the *Hebrew*, & ſo do moſt *Chriſtians* at this day, as being the moſt probable, yet they greatly differ as to the juſt and preciſe Number of Years, but agreeing almoſt in the General, That the Number of Years from *Adam* unto the Death & Reſurrection of Chriſt, is near about 4000. few making it more, but moſt of them making it ſome-what leſs.

I ſhall divide the whole time of the World from *Adam* unto the Death and Reſurrection of Chriſt, into ſix Periods, and in eve y Pe iod I ſhall follow the Scripture Account, according to the *Hebrew*, ſo far as hath been poſſible for me to attain it; and where any Period is not ſo clear as might be deſired, I ſhall not be altogether poſitive, but leave the Reader to make the beſt choice he can, without impoſing on him.

The *Firſt Priod* is from *Adam* unto the Flood of *Noah*, and by the *Hebrew* Account is 1656. Years, according to *Geneſis*, *cap.* 5.

From *Adam* to *Seth* 130 Years. From *Seth* to *Enos* 105. From *Enos* to *Cainan* 90. From *Cainan* to *Mahalaleel* 70. From *Mahalaleel* to *Jared* 65. From *Jared* to *Enoch* 162. From *Enoch* to *Methuſaleh* 65. From *Methuſaleh* to *Lamech* 185. From *Lamech* to *Noah* 182. From *Noah* to the Flood 600. In all 1656 Years. And the Flood continued about one year, until the time that *Noah* came out of the Ark, makes in all 1657 Years.

The *Second Period* containeth the Number of Years from the Flood unto *Abrahm*'s birth, and (as ſeemeth moſt probable unto me) containeth 382. Years, thus *Gen.* 11.

Sem begot *Arphaxad* after the Flood 2 Years. From *Arphaxad* to *Sala* 35.

Sala 35. From *Sala* to *Heber* 30. From *Heber* to *Peleg* 34. From *Peleg* to *Reu* 30. From *Reu* to *Sarug* 32. From *Sarug* to *Nahor* 30. From *Nahor* to *Terah* 29. From *Terah* to *Abraham* 130. In all 352.

And here I ask liberty to propose this Question, Whether a Generation be not wanting betwixt *Arphaxad* & *Sala*, to wit, that of *Cainan*, seeing not only the *Septuagint*, but *Luke* in the Geneology of Christ, cap. 3. mentions *Cainan*, betwixt *Arphaxad* & *Sala*, following therein the *Septuagint*? If then we allow from *Arphaxad* to *Cainan* 35 years, and from *Cainan* to *Sala* 29 years, (the same as from *Nahor* to *Terah*) the full sum shall be 381 Years.

If any shall ask me, *Why I propose 29 Years to be allowed for* Cainan, *and neither more nor less? I Answ.* That for divers good Reasons I judge the full Period of Years from *Adam* unto Christs Death and Resurrection is 4000 Years, wanting only some small matter or fraction; but the said Number cannot be made up, unless by allowing to *Cainan* the said 29 years, that so the 2d Period may contain 382 years. Nor need it stumble or offend any, to suppose the *Hebrew* Account to want this one Generation of *Cainan*, having been lost at one time or another in the transcribing out of the *Hebrew*, since it is made up by another part of the Scripture, as in *Luke*, *cap.* 3.

Some may be ready to Object, *Why I alledge, That from* Terah *to* Abraham *are* 130 *Years, seeing it is said,* Gen. 11. 26. *and* Terah *lived* 70 *Years, and begot* Abraham, Nahor *and* Haran. To which *I Answ.* That though *Abraham* be first mentioned, it doth not appear that he was the first born; and that *Abraham* was born when *Terah* was 130 years, is clear from *Gen.* 12. for when *Abraham* was 75 years of Age, he departed out of *Haran* after his Fathers Death, who dyed at the Age of 205 years (compare *Gen.* 12. 4. & cap. 11. 32. with *Acts* 7. 4.) If then from 205. (the whole Age of *Terah*) we deduct 75 years of *Abraham's* Age when *Terah* dyed, the remainder is 130 years, as aforesaid, the just time of *Terah's* Age at *Abraham's* Birth.

The *Third Period* containeth the Number of Years from *Abraham's* Birth, until the going forth of the Children of *Israel* out of *Egypt*, which are 505 years; for when *Abraham* received the Promise, as he went out of *Haran*, he was of Age 75. And from the giving of that Promise, to the time of the giving of the Law, as *Paul* in *Gal.* 3. 17. doth expressly affirm, are 430 Years. The whole is 505.

The

The *Fourth Period* containeth the Number of Years from the going forth of the Children of *Israel* out of *Egypt* (in which very Year the Law was given) until the Foundation of the Temple, the which is expreſly affirmed to be 480 Years, 1 *King.* 6. 1. The which Period containeth the ſeveral times of the People of *Iſrael* their abode in the Wilderneſs 40 Years, and the times of *Joſhua* and the Judges, until *Saul*; and from *Saul* until *David*, & from *David* until the the fourth Year of *Solomon*'s Reign, when the Temple began to be built.

The *Fifth Period* containeth 418 Years, thus, *viz.* From the Foundation of the Temple, to the Captivity, after the Foundation of the Temple, *Solomon* reigned 36 years, as appeareth, 1 *King.* 11. cap. 14. *Reboboam* reigned 17 years. Cap. 15. *Abijam* reigned 3. *Aſa* reigned 41. cap. 22. *Jehoſaphat* reigned 24. 2 *King.* 8. *Jehoram* reigned 8. *Achazia* reigned 1. cap. 11. *Athaliah* reigned 6. cap. 12. *Joas* reigned 40. cap. 14. *Amazias* reigned 29. cap. 15. *Azarias* reigned 52. *Joatham* reign'd 16. cap. 16. *Achaz* reigned 16. cap. 18. *Ezekias* reigned 29. cap. 21. *Manaſſe* reign'd 55. *Amon* reigned 2. cap. 22. *Joſias* reign'd 31. cap 23. *Joachas* reigned 3 months. *Joachim* reigned 11 year. cap. 24. *Jehojachim* reigned 3 months. The full Number is 418 Years.

And here *Note*, That the Captivity of the 70 years is to be reckoned from that under *Jejojachim*, and not from that under *Zedekiah*, when the City was ſmitten, both becauſe of *Jeremiah* his Epiſtle, cap. 29. 10. and alſo becauſe in *Ezekiel* cap. 40. 1. the 14th year after the City was ſmitten, is expreſly called the 25th year of the Captivity.

Note alſo, That the aforeſaid Period of 418 years is proved to be true out of the 4th Chapter of *Ezekiel*; for theſe 390 days wherein the Prophet was to bear the Sins of the People, ſignifie 390 Years from the time that *Jeroboam* ſet up the Golden Calves, until the Deſtruction of *Jeruſalem*, 10 years after the Captivity under *Jehojachim*.

The *Sixth Period* containeth the time from the beginning of the Captivity, until the Death & Reſurrection of Chriſt, which is 560 years, for the Captivity continued 70 years. To which adding 70 weeks of years, (*viz.* 490.) propheſied by *Daniel*, wanting only ſome fraction, becauſe the *Meſſiah* was to be cut off about the middle of the laſt week, that is, ſome time before it expired (the *Hebrew* word, *Dan.* 9. ſignifieth, any part within the Week, as ſuppoſe the laſt Year of the Week) makes in all 560 Years.

An

An account of the 490 Years from the end of the Captivity, unto our Saviour's Death, taken out of H. Broughton's *Exposition of* Daniel, *printed at* London 1596. *And* first, *of the* Persian *Kings Times, from* Darius *to* Alexander *King of* Greece,

Darius Hystaspis, that reigned together with *Cyrus*, 24 years. *Xerxes* War 6 years. *Artaxerxes* reigned 42 years. *Ochus* reigned 8. *Artaxerxes* reigned 42. *Ochus* reigned 3. *Darius* reigned 5. In all 130.

2dly, *Of the* Grecian *Kings Times from* Alexander, *out of* Clem. Alexandrinus.

Alexander reigned 6 year, *Ptolemy Lagides* reigned 40. *Ptolemy Philadelphus* reigned 37. *Ptolemy Energetes* reigned 25. *Ptolemy Philopator* reigned 17. *Ptol. Epiphanes* reigned 24. (About this time *Judah* removed the Government under the *Maccabees.*) *Ptolemy Philometor* reigned 35 years. *Physcon* reigned 29. *Lathurus* reign'd 36. *Auletes* reigned 29. *Cleopatra* reigned 22. The *Romans* unto our Lords Death 60 years.

According to which Account, the Number of Years from the end of the Captivity to Christ's Death is Years	490
To which add the Time of the Captivity	70
The Number of Years in the sixth Period, is,	560

All the six Periods stand thus, *viz.*

1. From *Adam* to the flood,	1656
2. From the flood to the Birth of *Abraham*,	382
3. From the Birth of *Abraham* to their going out of *Egypt*,	505
4. From thence to the foundation of the Temple,	480
5. From thence to the Captivity,	418
6. From the Captivity to Christs Passion and Resurrection,	560
In all	4000 *Years.*

The particular Periods from Christs Resurrection to the end of the World, containing, according to Scripture, 3000 Years, as followeth, *viz.*

1. From Christs Resurrection to the Church her going into the Wilderness,	456
2. The Number of Years she remaineth in the Wilderness,	1260
3. *Babylons* Captivity and Desolation, represented under the figure of *Tyrus*, see *Isa.* 23. 15.	70
4. The Personal Anti-Christ his Reign,	3 & half
5. The Reign of the Saints with Christ,	1000
6. The little Season, that Satan shall be loosed,	360
In all	3000.
To which, add the time from *Adam* to Christs Death,	4000.
Produce is the World Age or Continuance,	7000.

By the fore-going Account and Table, the whole Age of the World ſeemeth to conſiſt of 7000 Years, whereof 4000 expired betwixt the beginning of the World and the Reſurrection of Chriſt from the dead, as I ſhall more plainly make appear by what follows in this Treatiſe.

1. The Captivity of the two Tribes and a half ſeem to fall in the Year of the World 3440. for unto the ſame adding the 70 Years Captivity, and the 70 Weeks of *Daniel*, that is 490, the whole ſum is 4000.

2. That great Number mentioned in *Daniel*, cap. 8. 14. of 2300 days, after the Expiration of which the Sanctuary was to be cleanſed, and a moſt glorious Time immediately to follow, ſeemeth to contain 2300 Years, a day in the Prophetical ſtile of Scripture ſometimes ſignifying a Year, and to begin in the Year of the World 3440. together with the Captivity, and to end at the Year of the World 5740. the which is the Year from Chriſts Reſurrection 1740. and from his Birth 1774.

3. *Daniel*'s Number of 1335. ſeemeth to have the ſame Period or Time of ending with that other Number of 2300. according to which the Order of the Numbers ſtand thus,

From the beginning of the Captivity to Chriſts Reſurrection,	560
From Chriſts Reſurrection to the beginning of *Daniel*'s Number 1334.	406
From thence the whole Interval of	1394
	2300

4. *John*'s Number of 1260 Days, ſeem to ſignifie ſo many Years, and to have the ſame beginning both with *Daniel*'s Number, cap. 12. of 1290 Days, *i. e.* Years, and of 1335, to wit, about the Year from Chriſts Reſurrection 406. And thus the Scripture ſeemeth to give us both the time when the Woman, *i. e.* the Church ſhall flee into the Wilderneſs, and how long ſhe ſhall continue, (which is all the time of the Beaſts Reign, *Rev.* 13.) and when ſhe ſhall fully come out, and the Time of the Beaſts Reign, and warring with the Saints fully expire; for allowing that theſe three Numbers have one beginning, but ſeveral Endings, it ſeemeth to point unto us, how as the *Anti-Chriſtian* Darkneſs came on upon the World gradually, ſo it ſhall gradually expire, and ſo the Numbers ſhall ſtand thus;

So

So that *Johns* Number of 1260 Days, *i. e.* Years, as it beginneth at the year from Christs Resurrection 406. so it shall expire about the year 1666. the which is from Christs Birth, according to common Account, 1700.

406
1260
1666

5. And *Daniels* Number of 1290 days, *i. e.* years, as holding forth a second step of the Churches Recovery, and of *Babylon* and the Beasts Overthrow, beginning at 406. endeth at the Year 1696.

406
1290
1696

6. And his last Number of 1335 (that *is* 1334 compleat) beginning also at 406. endeth at the Year from Christs Resurrection 1740. which *is* from his Birth 1774. when the Church shall wholly be restored to Apostolick Purity and Glory, and to abundant Peace, and *Babylon*, and the Beast and false Prophet shall be wholly destroyed.

406
1334
1740

And if we take the Number 1333⅓. to be the whole Time of the Beast, his gradual beginning and decay, until his final Destruction. the Numbers will stand thus,

The first step or degree of the Beasts Reign at the Year	333
	1333
	1666
The second step or degree of the Beasts Reign at the Year	363
	1333
	1696
The third step or degree of the Beasts Reign at the Year	406
	1333
Brings to the Time of the Personal Anti christ,	1740
To which if we add the reign of the Saints with Christ,	1000
And little Season wherein Satan shall be loosed again,	260
And time from *Adam* to *Christ*,	4000
Makes in all 7000 Years, The VVorlds Age,	7000

Now, that the whole Age of the World consists of 7000 Years, is proved, *first* generally, *secondly*, particularly.

First, Generally, Because the seven Days of the Week, and the seven Years, whereof the last Day and Year were Sabbathical, bear a manifest Analogy to the seven Ages or Days of the World, according to *Psal.* 90. 4. and 2 *Pet.* 3. 8. for as the 7th Day of the Week was a Sabbath, so was the 7th Year a Sabbathical Year, in which Year there was to be neither Sowing nor Reaping, nor laying up the Fruits of the Earth, and in which Year the Bond-Servant might be set free from his Master; all which were Types and Figures of that glorious Sabbath that is to come

in the laſt Age of the World, that ſhall be a Time of Reſt, Eaſe, Refreſhment and Liberty, as to the Saints in particular, ſo to the Creation in general, the which ſhall conſiſt of 1000 Years at leaſt; and as the *Jewiſh* Sabbath began in the Evening of the ſixth day, before it was expired, ſo ſhall this glorious Sabbath of the World begin in the Evening or latter part of the ſix Thouſand Years, as about the Year of the World 5740. by the beſt and moſt probable Account I can make, to which adding 1000 years, and the little Seaſon (after the the 1000 years are expired) *viz.* 260. the Interval of a Trumpet, wherein Satan is to be looſed, &c. maketh up 7000 years. To which alſo the Tradition of the Houſe of *Elias* (as is to be found in the *Talmud* and *Cabbala* of the *Jews*) doth agree, *That the Ages of the World are ſo divided, that* 2000 *years were before the Law,* 2000 *under the Law, and* 2000 *under the Meſſias, and then the Sabbath*; which as it proveth the Coming of the Meſſiah in the Fleſh, in the cloſe or ending of the fourth *Millenium*, and ſetting up his Kingdom in his Church in the beginning of the ſixth *Millenium*, ſo it doth effectually refute the Error and Unbelief of the *Jews*, who contrary to the Tradition of their Fathers, as well as contrary to the Scriptures, do not believe that the *Meſſiah* is come. Concerning which glorious Age and Sabbath of the World, not only *Chriſtian Writers* have made mention, but other *Heathen Writers*, both Poets and Philoſophers, and *Plato* in particular mentioneth the 1000 Years; and *Enoch*, who prophecyed of Chriſts laſt Coming, *Jude* v. 14 being the 7th Generation from *Adam*, his Tranſlation ſignifieth the Tranſlation of the Saints from Earth to Heaven in the 7th *Millennium* of the Worlds Age: Alſo, the clean Beaſts and Fowls that were brought into the Ark by ſeven, whereof *Noah* was to offer a Sacrifice, hath the like Signification; for the Number *Seven* generally throughout the Scripture is a Myſtical Number, and pointeth at this or ſome other great Myſtery wrapt up therein; and as *Enoch* was the 7th from *Adam*, ſo *Moſes* was the 7th from *Abraham*, whoſe whole Age was 120 Years, that is alſo a Myſtical Number. And with reſpect to this glorious Sabbath the 92d *Pſalm* was penned, and uſed in the *Jewiſh Church*, as the *Jews* confeſs.

2*dly*, Particularly; for the Scriptures of the Old Teſtament give us a particular Account of the years from *Adam* to the *Captivity*, when the two Tribes and a half were led Captive out of the Land of *Juda*, to *Babylon*; and from the Captivity to Chriſts Paſſion, Death and Re-

ſurrection

ſurrection, conſiſting of 4000 Years. And the Scriptures of the New Teſtament, by Prophecy, give us ſuch particular Account of Years, that the total Sum muſt needs make up 3000 years; for the time of the Beaſts Reign, and the Churches Removal into the Wilderneſs, is 1260 prophetical Days, *i. e.* Years, and to this add the 1000 Years Reign of the Saints with Chriſt, and the Years that paſt betwixt Chriſts Aſcention and the Church her Removal into the Wilderneſs, that did conſiſt of ſome Hundreds of Years, and laſtly, the little Seaſon when as Sathan ſhall be looſed, after the Thouſand Years are expired, all which being added together, ſhall make up 3000 Years, from Chriſts Reſurrection and Aſcention to the end of the World, as doth more particularly and diſtinctly appear in the particular Chronology before deſcribed in this Treatiſe.

That the *Meſſiah*, to wit, our Lord Jeſus Chriſt was to come in the Fleſh, and ſuffer Death in the Fleſh for our Sins, and riſe again, &c. ſome time within the *4th Millennium*, and about the cloſe or ending of it, doth appear alſo both generally and particularly; Particularly from the Collection of the particular Periods; and Generally, from certain Types, Figures & Analogies found in Scripture; As, 1*ſt*, From the Analogy betwixt the 4th Day of the Creation, wherein God ſet up the Sun to ſhine in the Firmament, and the 4*to Millennium*, wherein God ſent his Son, the Sun of Righteouſneſs, to give Light unto the World, and raiſed him from the Dead, and exalted him to ſit down at his right Hand in the Heavens, to enlighten the World with more plenty of divine Light and Knowledge, than in the former Ages of the World, though in all Ages of the World he was in ſome degree the Light of the World, yet not ſo plentifully enlightening it, in the fore-going Ages before he came in the Fleſh, as ſince.

2*dly*, From the Analogy betwixt the time of *Iſaac*'s Birth, the Type and Figure of Chriſt, compared with *Abrahams* Age, when *Iſaac* was born, and the Time of Chriſts Birth, compared with the Worlds Age at that preciſe time; for as *Iſaac* was born in *Abrahams* old Age, when he was in the hundred Year of his Age, ſo *Chriſt* was born in the Worlds old Age, and by the Analogy of Numbers, and Rule of Proportion, As *Abrahams* whole Age, 175 years, is to the Worlds whole Age, 7000. ſo *Abraham*'s Age when *Iſaac* was born, *viz.* 100 years current, to 4000 the current Age of the World when Chriſt roſe from the dead, which was as a Birth day unto him, according to the Doctrine

of the New Testament, that applyeth that Prophecy in *David* to Christs Resurrection, *Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee, Psal.* 2. 7. compared with *Heb.* 1. 5. *Acts* 13. 33. *Heb.* 5. 5. for by that Arithmetical Rule, called, *The Rule of Three*, as 175 to 7000. so is 100 to 4000.

3*aly*, The Circumcision of the Fruit-Trees in the fourth year after their planting, according to *Moses* Law, did Typically & Analogically hold forth, that Christ in the fourth Millennium, by the Sacrifice of himself on the Tree of the Cross, should purge away the Uncircumcision of our sins, according to *Heb.* 1. 3. *When he had by himself purged our sins, sate down on the Right Hand of Majesty on high.*

4*thly*, By the Analogy of the Time in the Year, when the High-Priest did make the Typical Attonement for the sins of the People, and the time of the World when Christ our High Priest, did make the true Attonement; for by the best Computation I can make, the time when the High Priest made the Typical Attonement in the most holy Place, being the 10th day of the 7th Moneth, doth precisely answer to the 208$\frac{1}{7}$th day of the Year, allowing the Intercalary Moneth, according to the manner of the *Jews* reckoning, which happened every third year, which said 3d year contained 13 Lunar Moneth, and by the Rule of Proportion, As 365 to 7000. so 208$\frac{1}{7}$ to 4000.

5*thly*, Christs Parable concerning the Fig-Tree, that was 3 years barren, and when in the 4th year the Gardener interceeded with the Owner of it, *to spare it one Year, promising to dung it*, signifieth, how Christ in the 4th Millennium did make Intercession for all Mankind (signified by the barren Fig-Tree) that was generally barren of good Fruits, until that God give the Grace of the holy Ghost by Jesus Christ, by which many became fruitful.

6*thly*, *Paul* said, *Christ was come in the Fullness of Time*, to which the Number of 4000 years doth best answer, the whole Age of the world being 7000 Years; for the Number 3 is the exact Arithmetical mean or medium betwixt 1 & 4, and betwixt 4 & 7. for as 4 exceeds 1 by 3, so 7 exceeds 4 by 3. And this will more clearly appear, if we divide the whole Age of the World into 7 equal parts, by way of Analogy to the Age of a Man, which is said in *Psal.* 90. to be seventy Years, as being not frequently exceeded since the Life of Man hath been so much shortned, to what it hath been in the former Ages. If then we divide the ordinary Age of Man, *viz.* 70 Years, into 7 equal parts, each part containing

containing 10 Years, allowing the first 10 Years to his Infancy or Child-hood, the second 10 Years to his Youth, the third 10 years to his Manhood, which was our Saviour's Age when he was baptized, and began his Miniſtry; the fourth 10 years to his Maturity, or fullneſs of Age, when he begins to decline in vigour, it is manifeſt that 4000 years is the only Number that can be moſt properly called, *The Fullneſs of Time*; for the firſt 1000 years was, as it were, the World's Infancy or Child-hood, the ſecond 1000 years the Worlds Youth-hood, the 3d 1000 years the Worlds Manhood, the fourth 1000 years the World's Maturity or ripe Age, beginning to decline to old Age; and as a Father dealeth with his Child, ſo God dealeth with Mankind; In the Childs Infancy he giveth him inſtruction only in plain and eaſie things, ſuch as his Infancy or Childhood is capable of, and when he tranſgreſſeth, he doth not ſeverely puniſh him; and in his Youth-hood he doth furder inſtruct him, and when he doth Tranſgreſs, he puniſheth him ſomewhat more ſmartly than in his Infancy; and in his Manhood he doth yet further inſtruct him, and when he tranſgreſſeth, he puniſheth him yet more than at any Time formerly, yet not after the ſevereſt manner; but when he is come to his full Time or Maturity of Age, as in his 40th year, then he doth inſtruct him in the greateſt or higheſt things, and if he tranſgreſs, he doth puniſh him moſt ſeverely; yet all is but a Fatherly Chaſtizement. And this Allegory *Paul* doth ſeveral times point at in his Epiſtles, and particularly *Gal.*4. 1, 2, 3, 4, &c. and with a reſpect to this, *Paul* ſaid, *The Times of Ignorance God wincked at, but Now* (to wit, after Mankind is come to its mature Age, as it was then) *he commandeth all men every where to Repent*; and not only ſo, but the Myſtery of Faith did then begin to be preached to all Nations. And here obſerve the gradual dealings & proceedings of God towards Men: In the *firſt Thouſand Years* of the World, Men generally had no other Law but that implanted in their Nature, commonly called, *The Law of Nature* (ſome particular Perſons excepted, who were highly favoured of God) In the *ſecond Thouſand* God ſuperadded to what was formerly given, certain Laws that he gave to *Noah* and his Poſterity. In the *third Thouſand* he gave yet a greater ſuperaddition, to wit, the Law of *Moſes*, with many excellent Types and Figues, pointing at Goſpel Myſteries, and eſpecially that great Myſtery of Chriſt crucified, and Faith in him; & he gave ſome excellent Prophets after *Moſes*, as *Samuel* and *David*. In the *fourth Thouſand*, he ſent many Wiſe Men and Prophets,

phets, and last of all he sent his Son, to give the greatest Light of Instruction to the World, by which they that received and believed were blessed, but who rejected, and believed not, were accursed. But that God punished the Old World with a Deluge of Waters, and *Sodom* and *Gomorrah* with Fire from Heaven in the World's Youth-hood, and before it came to its Maturity, or full Age, doth no ways contradict *Pauls* Doctrine, in saying, *The Times of Ignorance God winked at*, because the Sins for which the old World, and *Sodom* & *Gomorrah*, were punished, were not ordinary Sins common to Mankind, but highly extraordinary, and being against the very Nature of Mankind, so could not be called *Sins of Ignorance*, therefore required to be so severely punished; and yet, as is manifest from Christ's Doctrine, *The sins of* Sodom *and* Gomorrah *were not so great as the sins of them shall be and are, who do not believe and obey the Gospel*, and consequently the punishment of Unbelievers shall be greater than that of the Old World, and of *Sodom* & *Gomorrah*; for theirs was but a temporal Punishment, but the Punishment of Unbelievers, is, *To be cast into the Lake of Fire, where the Worm dyeth not, and the Fire goeth not out*; for it cannot be proved that the Souls of them that were drowned in the Flood, or were burnt with Fire in *Sodom*, did all perish, so as to be cast into Hell Fire, which is the second Death.

The sojourning of the People of *Israel* 40 years, before they came into the Land that God promised to give unto their Fathers, & unto them, doth bear a manifest Analogy with the time of the Church her being in the Wilderness; and as after the expiration of 40 years the People came into the Promised Land over *Jordan*, not under the conduct of *Moses*, but of *Joshua*, so the Church, after the expiration of the full time of her being in the Wilderness, shall come into the clear Gospel Dispensation, (called frequently in Scripture, *The Kingdom of God*) under Christ, of whom *Joshua* was a Type. And though the time, as described by *John* in the *Revelations*, of the Church her abode in the Wilderness, is but 1260 days, as pointing at the first step of her egress, or coming out, yet as described by *Daniel*, with respect to the last step and full egress, is 1335. And to me it is evident that he hath a respect to that great mystical Number $1333\frac{1}{3}$, which is $\frac{1}{3}$ of 4000 years, which differeth but a small fraction from 1335. considering the beginning of the last year, which shall put an end to all the Troubles & Persecutions of the Church, until the *Thousand Years* begin. If then we divide 1333 by 40, the quotient shall yeild $33\frac{1}{3}$, which is another great Mystical Number,

Number, containing the Years of our Saviours Life upon Earth, betwixt his Birth and Crucifixion, which is a sort of Mystical Year, wherein that glorious Sun of Righteousness did run his Course from the beginning to the end, and 40 such Mystical Years make up 1333 common years, the time of the Churches full abode in her Wilderness Condition, and 50 such Mystical years (which is a mystical Jubil.) make up 1666. with a fraction. And therefore at the expiration of the said Number of years from Christs Resurrection, viz. 1666. which is from his Birth 1700. the true Church of God may expect a great Jubile Year, and time of great Rest, Joy and Liberty, from all manner of Persecution, & the Jubile Trumpet shall sound sweetly, to wit, the joyful Sound of the Gospel, which shall be heard through Nations, and continue without Interruption, until the last Persecution shall begin, under the Personal Anti-christ, which will be very smart, but short, viz. three years and a half literally understood.

Note, That as the Church did gradually go into the Wilderness, viz. from the year 333. after Christs Resurrection, to the year 406. so she will gradually return, and come out again, viz. from the year after Christs Resurrection 1666. to the year 1700. And as betwixt 333 and 1666 there are years 1333, answering to *Daniel*, so betwixt 406 and 1666. there are 1260. answering to *John's* Revelations; which doth reconcile the seeming Difference betwixt *Daniel* and *John*.

The division of *Moses* Age (which was 120 years) into three equal parts, each part containing 40 common years, doth to me plainly point at a great Mystery, viz. the Dispensations of God toward his Church, from *Noah's* Flood to the beginning of the *Thousand Years*, consisting of 4000 years, which 4000 years divided into 3 equal parts, each part shall contain 1333 years, and such equal Divisions shall give us great Light and Instruction into the true Chronology of the Worlds Age, and several Periods of it.

When *Moses* was 40 years of Age, having killed the *Egyptian*, he fled to *Midian*, and dwelt with *Jethro*, and kept his Flocks, and married his Daughter; and except that, little more is said of him until he was other 40, to wit, 80 years old, at which time he was sent to *Pharaoh* to bring the Children of *Israel* out of *Egypt*. But the manner of *Moses* Preservation from being drowned in the Waters, by his being put by his Mother into a little Ark to swim on the Waters, doth bear a manifest Analogy with *Noah's* swimming on the Waters in the Ark;

and

and therefore the first 40 years of *Moses* life respects the state of the Church from the Flood of *Noah* until *David*, after he smote the King of the *Jebusites*, and had peaceable Possession of the Kindom; which Period of Time, from the Flood until King *David*, about the tenth Year of his Reign, shall be found to consist of 1333 years, by the best Chronological Account: The second 40 years of *Moses* life respects the state of the Church from *Davids* time, when he became King over all *Israel*, to the time that the Church was called out of *Egyptian* Darkness, both of degenerate *Judaism* & gross *Heatherism*, by the Ministry of Christ and his Apostles, and other their faithfull Successors, untill the year after Christs Resurrection & Ascention 333. after which time she began to make her first step into the Wilderness, even as the Children of *Israel*, after their great Deliverance by *Moses* at the 80th year of his Age, did go into the Wilderness for the space of 40 years, so the Church, after this great Deliverance by Christ and his Apostles, *&c.* goeth into the Wilderness for the space of 40 mystical Years, which are 1333 common years, and reach to the year 1666. The third 40 years of *Moses* Life respects the state of the Church during her abode in the Wilderness, and the first step of her egress, each Period consisting of 1333 years, making in all 4000 years from *Noah*'s Flood, to the time that the Church maketh her first step out of the Wilderness, to which if we add the 70 years of the Churches great Peace, and *Babylons* Captivity and Desolation, under the pouring out of the *seven Vials*, and 3 years and a half for the Personal Anti-christ his Reign, the whole shall be 5740 from *Adam* to the beginning of the 1000 Years, wanting only a small part of ten years, the occasion of which defect may possibly be, that being a small Number it is not regarded, when the Analogies of Numbers are roundly considered, or rather possibly, as is probable, the full Number of Years from *Adam* to the Flood is really 1666. altho' by our common reckoning we make up but 1656. because possibly the odd Days, Weeks or Moneths that are not mentioned over and above the Years in the Genealogies from *Adam* to *Noah*, might make up the odd ten years; for *Noah* being the tenth Generation from *Adam*, if in every Generation we allow the years of each to be perfect years, and not current years, and that each had so many odd days, weeks or moneths, over the perfect years, withal allowing one year to the Flood it self, before the Earth was perfectly dryed and made fit for Habitation, it may easily be conceived, without any Foreign, that

the

the Number of years from *Adam* to the Flood, including the time of the Flood it self, might be 1666. But then, to make the Chronology of the World to agree in all its parts, and be in Harmony with the whole, and exactly to correspond with the general Analogies, we may suppose it as possible, that in the following Geneologies the years may be reckoned not perfect and compleat years, but current, each Geneology wanting some odd days, weeks or moneths, to make the years perfect years; and thus it may be allowed, that the ten years added to the Period from *Adam* to the Flood, to make them 1666. may be taken away from the Periods following; and yet the whole shall remain, as given in the particular Chronology. And seeing it cannot be rationally supposed that the years of mens Age, when they began to have Children born unto them, were precisely perfect years, but rather either current, or some odd days, weeks or months over and above, we may therefore give some grains of allowance for such a small Number of years as ten, that may be either added to or substracted from certain Periods, that the general and particular Chronology may the better agree; by the General, I mean that which is found out by Analogies, and Mystical Numbers, as is above described, having proved by such Analogies of Numbers, that Christ behoved to come and suffer Death, and rise again, in the close or ending of the fourth *Millennium*, and not in the fifth or sixth, as some have imagined, following the *Septuagint* Translation, which through some mistake, widely differs from the *Hebrew*.

Now whether the Years from *Adam* to the Floood be reckoned, as commonly, 1657. or 1666. it maketh no Error in the general Sum, seeing if we add ten years to the first Period, we substract it from the following Periods. Beside, for a further evidence that it is very probable the said ten years may be lost in the odd Dayes, Weeks or Months not set down in *Gen.* 5. observe, that the best Chronologers say, that *Dionysius Exiguus*, the *Roman* Abbot, who began the Christian Epocha, by the ommission of some odd Days, Weeks and Months, in the Reigns of the Emperors, from Christs Birth to his time, which was 600 years, lost divers years, some say 2, others say 3, Bishop *Usher* saith 4, and another Author saith 5, which makes our vulgar Account fall short of the the true Account by some years; The like Example we have in our English History, concerning the Reigns of some of the Kings and Queens of *England*; for from K. *Henry* the 8th to

King *Charles* the 1ſt, inclusive, it is 137 perfect years, but the odd Months and Days make it three years more, in all 140. within the ſhort ſpace of 140 years; how eaſie then is it to allow ten years to be loſt in 1666? Now if for the probable Reaſons above given, we may allow betwixt *Anam* and the Flood the Number of 1666 years, (by the addition of ten years over the vulgar Account) it will not only well ſuit to the Analogy of *Moſes* Years, compared with the years from the Flood to the Churches coming out of the Wilderneſs, but it will wonderfully ſuit with the time from Chriſts Reſurrection, to the time of the Churches Reſtoration, containing the ſame Number of 1666 years; for as the World was, as it were, renewed and reſtored again by *Noah*, after 1666 years from *Adam*, ſo the World ſhall be again reſtored and renewed by Chriſt, 1666 years after his Reſurrection. And as the Flood of Waters came upon the Ungodly and deſtroyed them at the year 1666 from *Adam*, ſo it may be expected that though not a Flood of matereal Waters, yet a Flood of Judgments will be poured forth upon the Ungodly and Impenitent at the year 1666 from Chriſts Reſurrection. And as *Noah* was preſerved ſafe in the Ark, during the time of the Deluge of Waters, at 1666 from *Adam*, ſo the Saints and true Believers ſhall be preſerved ſafe in Chriſt, from the deluge of thoſe fearful Judgments that are to come upon the World of the Ungodly, and ſhall begin about that very year 1666 from Chriſts Reſurrection, to be poured forth.

And thus in another Method, differing from the former in ſome particular Periods, yet agreeing in the ſum Total, I ſhall in this Table deſcribe the ſeveral Periods of the Worlds Age.

1.	From *Adam* to the flood of *Noah*,	1666
2.	From the flood of *Noah*, to the tenth year of *David*'s Reign,	1333
3.	From thence to the Churches being brought out of *Egyptian* darkneſs,	1333
4.	From thence, the time of her Wilderneſs ſtate, to her Reſtoration,	1333
5.	From thence the 70 years of *Babylons* Deſolation, & Churches quiet,	70
6.	The time of the Perſonal Ant-chriſt his Reign,	3
7.	The Reign of the Saints with Chriſt,	1000
8.	The little ſeaſon wherein Satan is to be looſed,	260
	In all	7000

The equality of theſe Intervals of Time in the 2d, 3d & 4th Periods is greatly obſervable, and is a ſtrong rational Confirmation, that theſe Numbers are very Myſtical, and have a deep Myſtical Signification, beyond

yond what is yet vulgarly known. And it ſeemeth very probable, that the 120 years, mentioned *Gen.* 6.3. God ſaying, *Mans days ſhall be* 120 *years, wherein his Spirit ſhould ſtrive in Man*, do reſpect the ſaid 4000 years from the flood of *Noah* to the Churches Return out of the Wilderneſs; for during all that time, after the world was re-peopled, after the Flood, the Spirit of God hath ſtrived in Man to reſtore him, but hath little prevailed in the general; nevertheleſs, at the Churches Reſtoration, the Spirit of God will mightily prevail in Men for their Reſtoration. But whereas ſome underſtand that theſe 120 years, mentioned *Gen.* 6.3. do only relate to that preciſe Number of years wherein the long-ſuffering of God was to wait upon men, that they might Repent, this hath no ground from Scripture; as if the Patience and Long-ſuffering of God were confined within that ſhort ſpace of Time; for Gods long-ſuffering did extend to them for ſome hundreds of years before the deluge came. But if they refer it to the time when *Noah* was 500 years old, mentioned *Gen.* 5. 32. until the flood came, that ſpace containeth only 100 years; for *Noah* entred into the Ark when he was 600 years old. Others with as little reaſon underſtand theſe 120 years of the common Age of Mans Life after the flood, but men generally after the flood, for a long time, lived much longer, and I find not the Age of any Man but *Moſes* to be 120 years.

And whereas it hath been ſaid above in this Treatiſe, *That by the moſt probable Computation, the Thouſand Years ſhall begin about the Year of the World* 5740 *which is from Chriſts Reſurrection* 1740. Beſides the other Reaſons given, and Analogies of Myſtical Numbers, this ſeemeth myſtically to be contained in the Number of the Years of the clean Beaſts, that God commanded *Abraham* to offer up for a Sacrifice, when God made the Promiſe to him, *That his Seed ſhould inhabit all that Land from the River of Ægypt*, (*viz.* Nylus) *to the great River* Euphrates; which hath not been hitherto accompliſhed, but the accompliſhment of it is to be referred to the beginning of the Thouſand Years. Now the killing and dividing the Beaſts ſignifieth, That *Abraham's* Poſterity ſhould undergo great Sufferings before the Promiſe ſhould be accompliſhed, and that they ſhould be ſeperated aſunder and ſcattered, and yet come together again, ſignified by the laying each piece one againſt another; but that he divided not the Birds, ſignifieth, That in the Perſecution they were to ſuffer in *Egypt* under *Pharoah*, they ſhould not be ſeperated aſunder; and therefore the Birds refer to the time that

God gave this Vision to *Abraham*, *Gen.* 15. until they came out of *Egypt*; the years of the Beasts, to wit, the Heifer 3 years old, the She Goat 3 years old, and the Ram 3 years old, refer to the time from their coming out of *Egypt*, until the beginning of the *Thousand Years*, counting each year to be a Mystical Year, containing as many years as one common year containeth days; but then it must be Lunar Years, that best suits to the suffering state, each Lunar year containing 355 days, and by this Calculation 9 years shall contain 3195, being the time from the People of *Israel* their going out of *Egypt*, unto the beginning of the 1000 Years; and by the particular Chronological Account in the first Sheet, just so many years are betwixt the People of *Israels* going out of *Egypt*, and the beginning of the 1000 years, as in the following Table.

From the People of *Israels* going out of *Egypt* to the foundation of the Temple.	480
From the foundation of the Temple to the Captivity.	417
From the Captivity to Christs Resurrection.	559
From Christs Resurrection to the Thousand Years.	1739
In all	3195

If then according to the former particular Chronology we add the years from the beginning of the World, to the time that the People of *Israel* went out of *Egypt*, into one sum, it shall make 2545 years, to which adding the Years of the former sum, (*viz.* 3195) the whole Time from *Adam* to the *Millennium* is 5740 Years.

That the Number of Years from *Adam* to the going forth of the People of *Israel* out of *Egypt*, is 2545, is apparent by the following Table,

From *Adam* to the flood.	1657
From the flood to the Birth of *Abram*.	383
Abrahams Age when the Promise was given.	75
From thence to their coming out of *Egypt*.	430
In all	2545

Note also, That the 40 Natural hours betwixt Christs Death and his Resurrection beareth Analogy with 40 Mystical Hours betwixt his Resurrection and the Year 1666, which is expected to begin the Churches full Return out of the Wilderness, allowing the Scripture Analogy of a Day consisting of 24 hours, compared to 1000 Years; for by that Analogy, *If 24 Hours give 1000, 40 H. give 1666 & two 3ds.*

Also,

Alſo, the 6 hours Chriſt did hang upon the Croſs, with his Arms ſtretched forth, do ſignifie, that for 6 Myſtical Hours (*viz.* 2000 years, each hour being 333 years & one 3d) Chriſts Sufferings and Death ſhould be preached unto the World, in order to mens Salvation, and Chriſt crucified, and as it were hanging on the Croſs, and bearing all mens ſins in his Body on the Tree, by the preaching of the Goſpel, ſhould be evidently ſet forth to all Nations, making an Invitation to all, with his hands ſtretched forth, *To accept of the Mercy and Grace that cometh by him, as he did ſo ſuffer, and riſe again.* And then the outward Sabbath, its immediately ſucceeding thoſe 6 hours that Chriſt hung on the Croſs, doth ſignifie, That the World's Sabbath (which is the 1000 Years) ſhall immediately ſucceed after thoſe ſix Myſtical Hours of 2000 years from Chriſts Reſurrection.

Having thus given a Scriptural Chronology of the Age of the World, and ſeveral Periods thereof, with an explanation of ſome Myſtical Numbers and Analogies, which in time may be further opened, I ſhall in the next place proceed to explain the Intervals of the 7 Churches of *Aſia*, to whom *John* writ in his Book of the *Revelation*, which ſeem plainly to ſignifie 7 ſeveral ſtates of the Church in general from Chriſts Reſurrection to 2000 years, each Church containing the Interval of 333 years and one 3d, except that *Philadelphia* and *Laodicea* ſeem to fall within one and the ſame Interval, *Philadelphia* repreſenting the true Church, and *Laodicea* a ſeeming or pretendedly reformed Church, imbracing the Form of Truth, but greatly falling ſhort of the Life and Power of it. [*Note*, That this Number 333 years and a 3d, is a Myſtical and Prophetical Number, being one 3d of 1000, which 1000 years is called, *A Watch of the Night*, *Pſal.* 90 4. and therefore 333 and a 3d is one Myſtical Hour of that Watch.]

The *Firſt* is the Church of *Epheſus*, her Interval extend'eth from Chriſts Reſurrection and Aſcention, to the year 333. She is blamed in nothing but for her Decay and Remiſneſs in her firſt Love, for which ſhe is ſeverely threatned; and to which the Name *Epheſus* doth well anſwer, which ſignifieth either *deſirable* and *lovely*, as ſhe was at her beginning, or *remiſſive* and *decaying*, as ſhe was in the latter part of her Interval; however ſhe retained the purity of Doctrine, and earneſtly withſtood the Hereſies that began to ariſe in that Interval.

The *Second* is the Church of *Smyrna*, from 333 after Chriſts Reſurrection,

rection, to the year 666, who is described by *her Poverty, & Tribulation, and Sufferings*, and she is plainly distinguished from the false Church or Whore of *Babylon*, that began in this Interval, called, *The Synagogue of Satan.* And the Name of the true Church given her, to wit, *Smyrna*, that signifieth Myrrhe, doth well answer to her; for as Myrrhe being bruised, giveth a fragrant smell, and is bitter to the taste, yet very Medicinal, so was the state of the faithful during this Interval.

The *Third* is the Church of *Pergamus*, from the year 666, to 1000. who is commended *for holding fast the Faith*, yet reproved for *suffering them that held the Doctrine of* Balaam, *and the* Nicolaitans, and these were the false Church, that in this Interval did both teach and practise Idolatries, as Church History plainly proveth; and the Name *Pergamus* doth answer to her, for as *Pergamus* was the chief City in *Asia*, and famous for lofty Towers and stately Buildings, so in this Interval the Church became rich in worldly Riches, and had many great and fair Edifices and Buildings, the Monuments whereof remain in many places to this day; but it seemeth that sincere Preachers were few, therefore God promised, *That such as did overcome, he would give them to eat of the hidden Manna*, as he gave to the Children of *Israel* in the Wilderness outward Manna to eat, when Bread produced by mens Labours was wanting.

The *Fourth* is the Church of *Thyatira*, which is commended for her *Works, Charity, Service, Faith, Patience, and the last to be more than the first*, answering to her Name, that signifieth, *The Sacrifice of Labour*, (as some render the Etymology of it) but is reproved for her suffering *Jezabel, i.e.* many false Teachers, to teach and practise gross Idolatry, as accordingly came to pass within this Interval, *viz.* from 1000 to 1333.

The *Fifth* is the Church of *Sardis*, whose Interval reacheth from the year after Christs Resurrection 1333. to the year 1666. which is the Interval now current, and is a plain description of the *Protestant* Churches, that began from the days of *John Wickeliff*, who flourished about the beginning of this Interval, after whom followed *John Hus* and *Jerom* of *Prague*, and about one hundred years after *Luther, Zuinglius, Calvin*, and many other Protestant Teachers, who opposed many Errors of the false Church, yet were short in divers things. And tho' she hath a few Names in her that are worthy, *who have not defiled their Garments*, yet the generality of her Professors are greatly blamed for their

their Insincerity, *having a Name to live, and yet being dead*: And her Name doth answer to her, for *Sardis* is the Name of a Stone of a fleshly colour, intimating the Condition of this Church to be more carnal than spiritual.

The *Sixth* Church is *Philadelphia*, that signifieth, *The love of the Brotherhood*, that is yet to come, and beginneth from the year after Christs Resurrection 1666. which is from his Birth 1700. and extendeth to the year 2000. and therefore within this Interval the *Thousand Years* Reign of the Saints with Christ beginneth: This Church doth well answer to her Name, for in her shall be great *Love* and *Unity* among Brethren, a thing that hath not greatly abounded hitherto among Professors of *Christianity* in general, since the Apostacy began. This Church is greatly commended, and in nothing reproved, and great Promises are given to her, as particularly, *That God will set before her an open Door, that no man can shut*; which signifieth the great success her Ministers shall have in the preaching of the Gospel, to the real Conversion of many from *Heathenism*, *Judaism*, and *Hypocrisie*, to real *Christianity*; also, it is promised to her, *That the false Church* (called here again the *Synagogue of Satan*) *shall bow to her, and acknowledge, That she is loved of God, and prefered.* And this *Philadelphian Church* doth reach to the glorious Time of the 1000 Years, as is plainly implyed in the Promise annexed to the Over-comers in this Church, which is, *That God shall write upon him that overcometh, the Name of God, and the Name of the City of God, &c.*

The *Seventh* Church is that of *Laodicea*, that signifieth *vulgar Righteousness*: This Church shall be much more in Profession than Possession, having a great conceit of her Attainments, as if she were rich with spiritual Riches, & had great Knowledge, and sight of spiritual things, *yet she is poor and blind, &c.* and is *luke-warm, and without true Zeal*: She is commended in nothing, and therefore short of all the other. But it is not to be understood that she succeedeth in a distinct Interval after the *Philadelphia* Church, but she shall be contemporary with her, professing the same Faith, Doctrine and Christian Religion with her, but out of the Possession of that Life, Power and Virtue which the other hath; yet she is bid *Repent*, and a Promise given her on condition of Repentance, and therefore it is not only possible, but probable, that many shall be truely converted that did belong to her, and so become real and true Members of the *Philadelphian* Church.

The

The *seven Seals* seem also to signifie certain Intervals of Time from Christs Resurrection to 2000 years, and as it seemeth unto me the six Seals reach from Christs Resurrection unto 2000 years, divided into six equal parts, and the seventh Seal seemeth to be a Synochrism with the sixth. According to which the Intervals of the first six Seals are as followeth, *viz.*

The first Seal reacheth from Christs Resurrection to the year 333. at the opening of which Seal *John* said, *he heard a Voice say, Come and see, and he saw a White Horse, and he that sate on him had a Bow, and he went forth conquering and to Conquor*; the Rider is Jesus Christ, and the White Horse, his Ministers, and the Bow in his right hand, the Power of his heavenly Doctrine, which mightily prevailed for 333 years.

At the opening of the second Seal there went forth a *Red Horse*, and a great Sword was given to him, which signifieth Souldiers & Captains of Armies, raising great Wars in the World, to the great effusion of Blood, which happened all over the *Roman Empire*, as is clear from History, from the year 333 to 666.

At the opening of the 3d Seal, *lo, a Black Horse appeared, and he that sate on him had a pair of Ballances in his hand*; Is not grievous Famine signified hereby, and that both natural and spiritual? both which came to pass in this Interval, *viz.* from 666 to 1000.

At the opening of the 4th Seal, *behold, a pale Horse, and whose Riders Name was Death, and Hell followed him, and Power was given to him over the fourth part of the Earth, to kill with the Sword, with Hunger, and with Death, and with Beasts of the Earth?* Doth not this signifie a Complex of all the former evils which happened in the two preceeding Intervals, together with an increase or addition of more; for doth not killing with the Sword signifie Wars, Hunger, Famine, and Death, which was the Riders Name, and the Beasts of the Earth foul unclean earthly Spirits, miserably deceiving People in this Interval with great Heresies and damnable Doctrines, drowning Souls to Perdition, from the year 1000 to 1333.

In the Interval of the 6th Seal, *viz.* from 1333 to 1666. *John* saw under the Altar the Souls of them which were slain for the Word of God, which signified great Persecution and killing the true Servants of God, which came to pass in this Interval. And why did they so earnestly desire, *That God would avenge their Blood on them who at that time were to dwell upon the Earth?* was it because the Justice of God is glorified

fied in taking Vengeance on the Wicked, even as his Mercy is glorified in ſhowing favour unto the Godly? but was it not alſo becauſe they did know that the time when God would avenge their Blood on them who were to dwell on the Earth, ſhould alſo be joyned with the time when they ſhould receive the Reward of the hundred folds, which Chriſt promiſed them at the firſt Reſurrection, or living again in the 1000 Years?

In the Interval of the 6th Seal, *viz.* from 1666 from Chriſts Reſurrection, to 2000. doth not the *Earth-quake*, *the Sun's becoming Black*, *and the Moon as Blood*, *the Stars of Heaven falling unto the Earth*, *the Heavens departing as a Scrole*, *the Mountains and Iſlands being moved out of their places*, all ſignifie great Overturnings, and the down fall of all corrupt, unjuſt and Tyrannical Governments of all ſorts every where in the World, and a quite and total changing the way and manner of them, that ſo the Kingdoms of the World may be the Lords, which ſhall certainly be fulfilled within this Interval; for then ſhall that be fulfilled on ſuch Rulers and Magiſtrates, who have not ruled for God, and have not ſought his Glory, which is written, *Pſal.* 2. 9. 10. *Thou ſhalt break them with a Rod of Iron*, *thou ſhalt daſh them in pieces like a Potters Veſſel*; *be wiſe now therefore*, *O ye Kings*, *be inſtructed*, *O ye Judges of the Earth*, and *Iſa.* 23 9. See the Effects of the opening of the ſixth Seal, *Rev.* 6. 12. to 17. And as this ſhall be a moſt fearful & calamitous Time to all the Ungodly of all ſorts, both great and ſmall, ſo it will be a Time of great Joy and Praiſing God to all the faithful.

The ſeventh Seal ſeemeth to contain 70 years great Peace to the true Church, which being interrupted with a Perſecution of 3 years and a half, is called half an hour, after which Perſecution, great Peace and Happineſs to the very laſt, at the ſounding of the 7th Trumpet doth follow.

The *firſt Trumpet* by Computation beginneth at the year 180. from Chriſts Reſurrection (that ſpace of 180 years being allowed for the Angels offering up the much Incenſe, with the Prayers of the Saints, it being a time of great fervent Zeal and Devotion, and the Angels preparing to ſound) and reacheth to the year 440. And at the firſt Angels ſounding there followed *Hail*, *and Fire mingled with Blood*, the Hail ſignifying many groſs Errors & Hereſies that did afflict the Church within that Interval, as the Hereſie of *Arius*, *Manicheus*, *Pelagius*,

Neſtorius,

Neſtorius, *Entyches*, and many others that aroſe within that Interval; The *Fire* and *Blood* ſignifying, the great Perſecutions, even to Fire and Blood that did accompany; for now theſe that did bear the outward Name of *Chriſtians* did perſecute each other to death, about their differing Opinions, which they would force and impoſe the one upon the other; and it had this effect, *that a third part of the Trees was burnt up, and all green Graſs was burnt up*, ſignifying a great Affliction upon both ſorts, of high and low, but moſt generally upon the low ſors, deſigned by green Graſs.

The 2*d Trumpet* by computation reacheth from 440 after Chriſts Reſurrection, to the year 700. within which Interval *a great Mountain burning with Fire was caſt into the Sea, and the third part of the Sea became Blood, &c.* This great Mountain is probably both *Rome* and the *Roman Empire*; for within this Interval *Rome* that had exalted her ſelf as a great Mountain in Pride, over all other Churches, was deſtroyed by Fire (in great part) ſeveral times, and the *Roman Empire* miſerably ſpoiled and laid waſte by the Invaſion of the *Goths*, *Huns*, *Vandals*, and other Northren Nations; and becauſe the *Roman Empire* is reckon'd by Computation to be the third part of the habitable World then known, therefore this Calamity is ſaid to have fallen upon the third part of the Sea, by the Sea meaning the Nations & People thereunto belonging.

The 3*d Trumpet* by Computation reacheth from 700 to 960, within which Interval *a great Star fell from Heaven upon the third part of the Rivers and Waters, by which they were made bitter, ſo that many men dyed of the Waters, the Name of that Star being called Wormwood*; by which Star ſeemeth to be underſtood ſome great degeneration of the Teachers and Clergy of the Church of *Rome*, and ſome great corruption of Doctrine, compared to Waters that made them bitter, ſo that many dyed of them; and though before this time the Apoſtacy had entred, and a great departure was made from the true Life & Spirit of *Chriſtianity*, and ſeveral Superſtitions and Errors had crept in, and the Biſhops of *Rome* had exalted themſelves over all other Biſhops, yet until this Interval began the Church of *Rome* did hold an external Profeſſion of the Eſſentials of *Chriſtian Doctrine*; but after this Interval began, very great Errors were received and held, and earneſtly preſſed, which deſtroyed many Souls, even within the Church of *Rome* her ſelf, as Adoration of Images, Praying to Saints, and other groſs Superſtitions.

The 4*th Trumpet* by computation reacheth from 960. to 1220. within

in which Interval *the third part of the Sun, Moon and Stars was ſmitten*; whereby is plainly intimated, the greet obſcuration of the worldy Government of the Emperors, Kings and Princes, called *Chriſtian*, by the greatneſs of the Popes of *Rome*, who within this Interval, but not before, exalted himſelf over them all in Power and Greatneſs, as the Hiſtory of the Popes and Emperors doth ſufficiently confirm, that did not a little obſcure and darken them: And the *third part* is mentioned in all theſe four Trempets, either to ſignifie, That theſe Calamities ſhould afflict the *Roman Empire*, that is juſtly reckoned the third part of the (then) known World, or to ſignifie alſo the great decay of Truth and true Doctrine, as to ſay, one third part of the whole.

The other following Trumpets, as they bring greater Woes, ſo the Effects of ſome of them at leaſt, are more univerſal.

The *5th Trumpet* reacheth from 1220 to 1480. within which time *the Bottomleſs Pit was opened, and a Smoke aroſe, and out of the Smoke came Locuſts, which did torment Men, but not kill them, nor could they hurt them that had the Seal of God in their Fore-heads*: Some by theſe Locuſts underſtand the *Turks*, but it cannot be the *Turks* that are meant by theſe *Locuſts*, becauſe theſe Locuſts have not Power to kill men, but to torment and ſting them, whereas the *Turks* have killed many Thouſands of men, therefore by the Locuſts are moſt fitly underſtood, *Popiſh School-men*, and many Orders of *Popiſh Monks & Fryars*, that ſting and torment mens Conſciences with their ſtingy Doctrines and Hereſies, that did ariſe and greatly ſwarm & abound within this Interval; and their Power was to continue *five Moneths*, partly by an allegorical Alluſion to the uſual time of the abode of the Locuſts in theſe Countries, intimating that theſe myſtical Locuſts ſhould abide the 5t twelfth part of 1260 year, *i. e.* 520 years, *viz.* the whole ſpace of two Trumpets, *viz.* from 1220 to 1740. tho' within the Interval of the 6th Trumpet before it be expired, they ſhall greatly decay and vaniſh away.

The *6th Trumpet* by computation, reacheth from the year after Chriſts Reſurrection 1480 to 1740. which is the preſent current Interval; and the Number of Horſe-men being *Two hundred Thouſand Thouſand*, muſt certainly be underſtood the *Turks* great Army of Souldiers, which begin about the beginning of this Interval to invade the moſt Weſtern parts of the World, weſt from *Euphrates*, and who have already deſtroyed many Thouſands profeſſing *Chriſtianity*; and they are ſaid to have been formerly bound by the great River *Euphrates*, but are ſince looſed,

deſigned by four Angels, in reſpect of four Angelical Preſidents, that were over them (as all Nations have their Angels ſet over them) *which were preparing for an hour, day, month and year*; *i. e.* for about the ſpace of 391 years, backwards from 1480. as the *Turkiſh* Hiſtory doth confirm, that ever ſince that time they have greatly encreaſed in ſtrength and greatneſs. And that it is ſaid, *The third part of men was to be killed by them by Fire, Smoke and Brimſtone*, ſignifieth the Guns, which ſoon after they were invented, were made uſe of by the *Turks* againſt the *Chriſtians*, and by which they have killed many thouſands; and *the third part of Men*, ſignifieth, as is ſaid, the *Roman Empire*, eſteemed by computation the third part of the World, as then known; and it plainly ſeemeth to be implyed, that this great ſtroke that ſhall fall upon the profeſſed *Chriſtians* by the *Turks*, ſhall fall upon the *Popiſh Countries* and *People* thereunto belonging, for their great Idolatries & worſhipping Devils, and Idols of Gold, and Silver, and Braſs, and Stone, and Wood, and other groſs ſins, which ſincere *Proteſtants* are not guilty of; and therefore it may be hoped, if all ſincere Proteſtants in their ſeveral Profeſſions be earneſt with God in Prayer, they may obtain it of God, that they ſhall be ſpared, which I heartily pray and deſire of God, that ſo it may be, if it be his Will, and that as God would have ſpared *Sodom*, & the other Cities for the ſake of a few righteous Perſons being there, if they had been found, ſo that it would pleaſe God to ſpare the *Proteſtant Countries* and *People* (and unite their hearts in true Chriſtian Love together) if there be found among them ſuch righteous Perſons, whoſe Prayers ſhall prevail with God in behalf of their Brethren.

The *7th Trumpet*, by computation, beginneth at the year after Chriſts Reſurrection 1740. and reacheth to 2000. in the beginning of which the glorious Time of the Thouſand Years commenceth, and the firſt Reſurrection proper only to the Saints, but which bringeth great wrath upon all that remain Ungodly and Impenitent; and after the 1000 Years are expired, the reſt of the dead ſhall live again, to wit, the Sinners and Unrighteous, to receive the Sentence of Damnation, *Goye Curſed*, &c. which is the Reſurrection of the Unjuſt, &c. And here *Note*, That the Viſions of the little Book, which *John* was commanded to eat, &c. and the meaſuring of the Temple and Altar, and them that worſhip therein, & the Prophecying, killing and riſing of the Witneſſes, ſeeing they are ſet down betwixt the 6th Trumpet its beginning to ſound, and the beginning of the 7th Trumpet its ſounding, his proves

that

that all these three Visions belong to the Interval of the sixth Trumpet; and as the 7 Thunders may belong to the time since the sixth Trumpet began, carrying on the Protestant Reformation to a greater degree of Perfection, from the days of *Luther*, who appeared about the beginning of the 6th Trumpet, *viz.* 1480 from Christs Resurrection, which is from his Birth 1614. And in the year 1517. *Luther* made a great appearance in opposition to the Popes Indulgences; so the time of the measuring of the Temple, Altar & Worshippers, as also, the Prophecying, Killing and Rising of the Witnesses, is yet to come some time within the sixth Trumpet, the killing of the Witnesses belonging to the time under the Personal Anti-christ his Persecution; but the measuring the Temple perhaps may begin about the year 1666 from Christs Resurrection, which is from his Birth 1700.

Such who have any measure of a divine Opening of these Prophetical Visions, and are but a little skilled in Church History and the History of the World in general, may easily perceive how the events of things, so far as the Prophecies are as yet fulfilled, answer to these Intervals. Now Ld. *Nieper* of *Marchestone* in his Commentary on the *Revelations* alloweth the equal Interval of 250 years to a Trumpet, but I allow 260 to each, which as it better answereth to the Historical Events, so is a more Mystical Number, containing 9 Lunar Revolations, answering to the ordinary time the Child lyeth in the Mothers Womb; for 29$\frac{8}{9}$ Days multiplyed by 9 Moneths, produceth 260, which being added to 1000, maketh 1260 the time of the spiritual or mystical reign of the spiritual or mystical Anti-christ in Years, and the time of the Personal Anti-christ in Days.

Next, I shall make an Essay to show the Intervals of the *seven Vials* of Wrath that are to be poured out upon *Babylon*, the Beast and false Prophet, which shall contain 70 years, and will begin about the year 1666 from Christs Resurrection, and will end about the year 1736. but counting from his birth will begin about 1700, and end at 1770. The Order and Time of the said Vials, are as followeth, *viz.*

The first Vial was poured forth upon the Earth, to wit, the Inferiour sort of the false Church, who are like to suffer some great Reproach & Discontent within this Interval, *viz.* from the year 1700. to 1710.

The 2*d Angel poured his Vial on the Sea*, signifying some great stroke to fall upon the false Teachers, especially those called the high Clergy, from 1710 to the year 1720.

The

The 3*d Vial is poured forth upon the Rivers*, ſignifying the like ſtroke upon the Inferiour and Vulgar, from the year 1720, to 1730.

The 4*th is poured upon the Sun*, ſignifying a great Eclipſe and Darkneſs upon the falſe Church her outward Glory and Splendor, from 1730 to 1740.

The 5*th Vial is poured upon the Seat of the Beaſt*, which poſſibly may be *Rome*, from 1740 to 1750.

The 6*th Vial is poured upon the great River Euphrates*; which ſeemeth to ſignifie a ſtroke upon the great *Turk*, who poſſeſſeth the Country about the River *Euphrates*; and alſo in this Interval (*viz.* from 1750 to 1760.) the Kings of the Earth ſhall gather together at *Armagiddon*.

The 7*th Vial is poured on the Air*, which finiſheth the Deſtruction of *Babylon*.

I know ſome are of the mind that the Vials are already begun to be pured forth, and that at leaſt four Vials are already expired, but I am not of that mind, judging rather that the firſt ſhall begin about the year 1700. And within this Interval of 70 years, *viz.* between the year from Chriſts Birth 1700, to 1770. *Babylon* the great is like to have her total Ruin and Overthrow, which is to be effected gradually for the ſake of many of Gods Elect, that God is to call and bring out of her before her final Deſtruction; which *Babylon* is the falſe Church compoſed of all falſe Chriſtians of all ſorts, & eſpecially Perſecutors of their fellow Brethren for Conſcience ſake.

Now the Beaſt that roſe out of the Sea with 7 Heads and 10 Horns, is that great Earthly Power that hath perſecuted the Church, The *firſt* Head being the *Egyptian* Monarchy, the 2*d* the *Aſſyrian*, the 3*d* the *Babylonian*, the 4*th* the *Medes* & *Perſians*, the 5*th* the *Grecian Monarchy*, all which were fallen in *John*'s time, and the ſixth, *viz.* the *Roman* was then ſtanding, and yet ſtandeth in part divided into the ten Horns or ten Toes, *i.e.* ten Provinces or inferiour Monarchyes; and that there hath been ſuch a Diviſion of the *Roman Monarchy*, Hiſtory doth plainly make appear.

The ſixth Heads time being not expired, (which is as yet current) the 7th Head is yet to appear, and will be the moſt cruel and perſecuting of all, but his time muſt be ſhort, and ſeemeth to be limitted to 3 year and a half litterally underſtood, *viz.* betwixt 1770 and 1774. and this is the time when Anti-chriſt, formerly hid under a Profeſſion of *Chriſtianity*, ſhall be revealed to be an open Enemy both to Name and thing of it. Now that there is to appear ſuch an outward and Perſonal

Anti-chriſt,

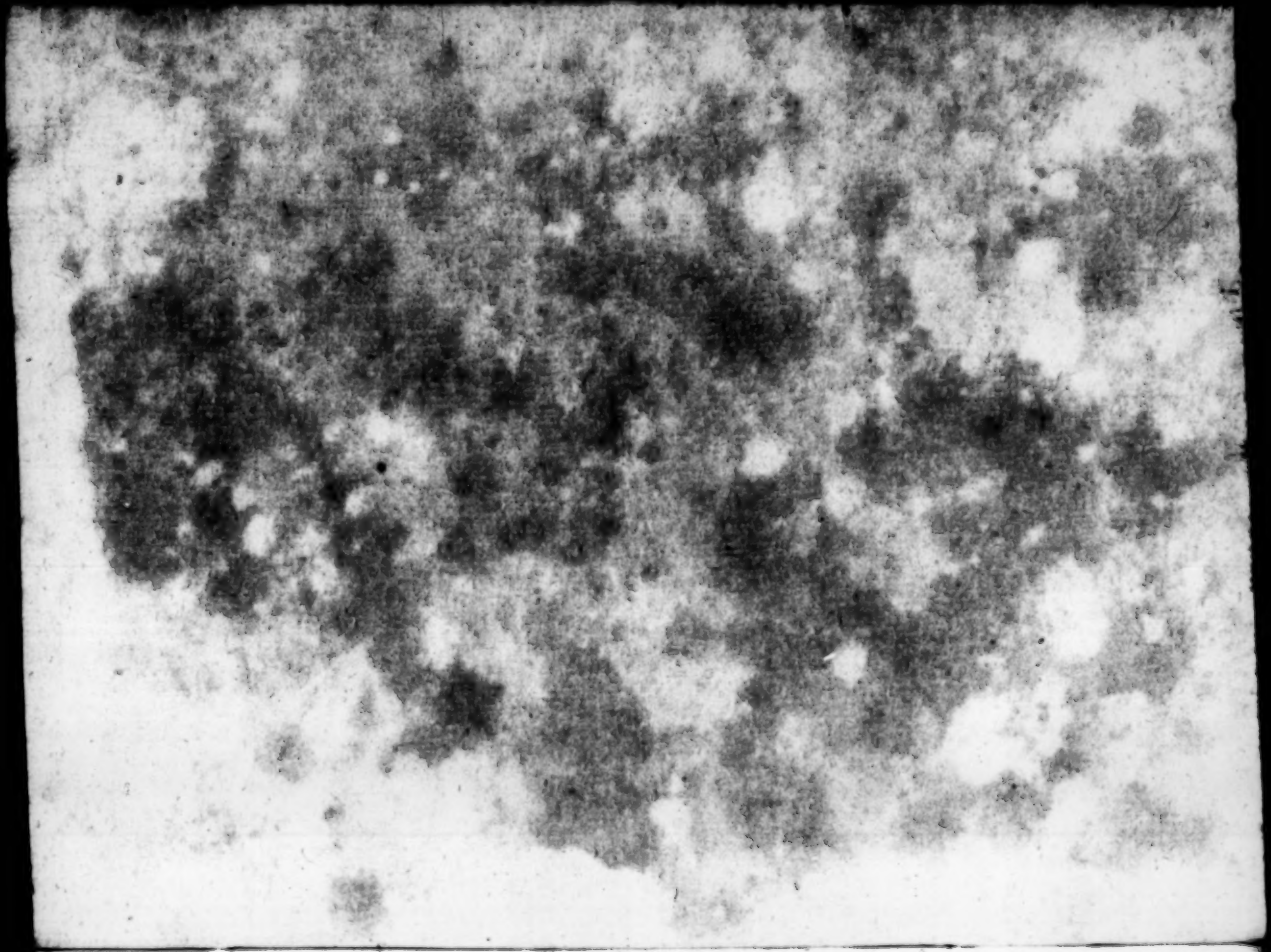
Anti-christ, immediately before Christs coming to Judgment, not only Christ, and *John* in the *Revelations*, and the Prophet *Daniel*, have fore-told, but it was the Perſwaſion generally of theſe called Antient Fathers, both *Greek* and *Latine*, and particularly *Theodoretus*, a *Greek*, on theſe words, *And the Judgment ſhall ſit*, Dan. 7. 26. writeth thus concerning the Perſonal Anti-christ, 'He (*to wit*, *Anti-christ*) ſhall imitate 'the Humanity (*or Manhood*) of God, and our Saviour; and as the 'Lord appearing by Mans Nature was the Author of our Salvation, ſo 'alſo the Devil having taken to him a fit Inſtrument of his Wickedneſs, 'by the ſame will ſhow his Power, deceiving idle men with Lyes, Signs, 'Progedies, and a falſe ſhow of Miracles. And *Paul* teaching, 2 *Theſ.* 2. '*why God the Creator of all things ſuffereth theſe things to be, ſaith, It is for* 'this cauſe, *becauſe they received not the love of the Truth, that they might be* 'ſaved, *therefore God ſhall ſend them the working of Error, that they may* 'believe a Lye, *that they all may be judged, that have not believed the Truth,* 'but conſented to Iniquity. The ſame alſo the Lord ſaid to the *Jews*, 'John 5 *I have come in my Fathers Name, and ye have not received me,* 'another ſhall come in his own Name, *and him ye will receive.* And a little after he ſaith, 'It remaineth therefore, that we underſtand the fourth 'Beaſt to be the Kingdom of the *Romans*, about the end of which ten 'Kings ſhall riſe at the ſame time, and laſt of all ſhall appear the Work-'man and Maſter of all Wickedneſs, doing and ſuffering theſe things, 'which we are taught, after whoſe Deſtruction ſhall appear the Coming 'of our God and Saviour, and Judgment ſhall be given concerning all 'Men. *&c.*

The time of the Prophecying and Killing of the two Witneſſes (falling within this Interval of the 6th Trumpet, do ſeem really to have a litteral fulfilling, & to belong to the time of the greateſt Perſecution, under the ſeventh Head of the Beaſt, which continueth but for 3 years and a half; and about the cloſing of theſe three years, when they ſhall have finiſhed their Teſtimony, the Beaſt is to kill them, and their dead Bodies ſhall lie 3 days and an half in the City, ſpiritually called *Sodom* and *Egypt*, after which they ſhall riſe again; and then as it were immediately followeth the firſt Reſurrection, and the beginning of the 1000 Years, *viz.* about the year from Chriſts Reſurrection 1740. and from his Birth 1774. and from the beginning of the World 5740. to which adding the 1000 years, & the little ſpace wherein Satan is to be looſed, *viz.* 260 years, maketh in all 7000. And tho' at the end of the 1000 years, as is ſaid, Satan ſhall be looſed for 200 years, yet that ſhall not hinder

under the blessedness and glory of that time to continue unto the end of the World, which seemeth to be at 7000 years, when all the Saints that were raised up in the first Resurrection in glorious Bodies, like unto the Body of *Adam* before the fall, shall be further changed and made like unto the glorious Body of Christ, and so ascend to Heaven with Christ, and there to remain with him forever. But who these two Witnesses (that shall be slain & raised again) shall be (some saying they be *Enoch* & *Elias*, others, *Moses* & *Elias*) I leave to a further opening.

And whereas it is a Question among many, *Whether Christ shall Personally appear in his glorified Body about the beginning of the* 1000 *Years, and converse with the Saints on Earth, to their great and unspeakable Joy, within that time?* As I doubt nothing of it, so I seek not to impose my belief on any; but the manner of it is not in any carnal way, as some think, who do carnally imagine, that Christ and his Saints shall sit on Earthly Thrones, eat and drink of the Fruits of the Earth, and enjoy other Earthly Pleasures, which carnal thoughts are to be rejected.

The time of the Virgin Company of 144000 (who are the *first fruits* of the first Resurrection) seem to fall some time after the year 1700. when the Lamb shall stand on Mount *Zion* with them (compare *Rev.* 14. with 2 *Esdras* 2. 38. to the end) immediately after which the Angel flyeth through the midst of Heaven, having the Everlasting Gospel to preach, which in purity of Doctrine and Power of a holy Life, shall have a free course throughout all Nations of the World of *Europe*, *Asia*, *Africa* and *America*, for the gathering of Gods Elect every where, which shall have great Success in the midst of great outward Troubles; which Times are near at hand.

To Conclude, I earnestly desire the Reader to take Notice, That what is here alledged, is not all positively asserted by me in this Chronological Treatise, but rather as an Essay, by way of Hypothesis and Query, in order to stir up the Gift of God in others, who may come to see further into these Mysteries than I do at present; and what Truth doth evidently appear in any things herein delivered, let it be acknowledged to the Spirit of Truth, and let the God of Truth only be praised for it; but what Mistake, Error or Defect of Understanding, or want of due Consideration shall be found herein, let it be wholly imputed to my Weakness, but not to my Willfullness.

F I N I S.